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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE RESIGNATION CGT SEC GEN HERRERAS

1. AUGUST 12 PRESS REPORTS THAT CGT SEC GEN CASILDO HERRERAS HAS PRESENTED HIS RESIGNATION TO THE CGT. RESIGNATION REPORTEDLY SPARKED BY HERRERAS' REACTION TO BEING VOCIFEROUSLY JEERED BY WORKING CLASS CROWD WHEN HE ENTERED LUNA PARK STADIUM EVENING AUGUST 9 TO ATTEND BOXING MATCH. REPORTEDLY, HERRERAS' RESIGNATION TO BE CONSIDERED IN CGT MEETING NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. COMMENT CGT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER CONFIRMED TO LABATT THAT HERRERAS HAD INDEED PRESENTED HIS RESIGNATION. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTED AND THAT HERRERAS WILL CONTINUE FOR THE TIME BEING. AS RESULT OF INTENSE INFIGHTING SURROUNDING CONGRESSIONAL AND PERONIST PARTY LEADERSHIP QUESTION, MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE BOTH CGT AND 62 ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE REORGANIZED SHORTLY. IN SUCH AN EVENT, NEITHER HERRERAS NOR 62 ORGANIZATIONS LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL IS ASSURED OF REELECTION. HERRERAS HAS REMAINED OUTSIDE THE POLITICAL BATTLE TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE AND IS PROBABLY STILL ACCEPTABLE TO MOST FACTIONS. HOWEVER, THE UGLY MOOD OF THE LUNA PARK CROWD IS INDICATIVE OF THE INCREASINGLY WIDESPREAD DISILLUSIONMENT AND DISSATISFACTION WITH LABOR AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS' INABILITY TO RESOLVE DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION. HERRERAS IS NOT THE

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"TOUGH" FIGHTER THAT MIGUEL IS AND WILL BE MORE LIKELY TO THROW

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